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# Safeguarding in Sport

**THURSDAY**  
**24**  
**JUNE 2021**  
**09:30-16:00**

Every day millions of people participate in sport; grassroots and high performance athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers, organisers and parents. For most, this is a fun and positive experience. And it is crucial that everyone involved in facilitating access to sports of all kinds, at all levels, works to ensure this ethos is integral and to keep everyone safe.

We all have a duty of care to ensure club safeguarding policies are relevant and being adhered to. Safeguarding teams are trained and can spot the signs of mental wellbeing, understand positions of trust and recognise areas of risk. Perhaps, safeguarding in sports has been given too little attention in the past, but as we see in the media things are changing; with the recent success of the NSPCC's 'Close the Loophole' campaign, Sheldon's review into sexual abuse in football and the IICSA report published in June 2020 'Child sexual abuse in sports'. From the pro coach or safeguarding lead for a large club or organisation, to the weekend volunteer or parent on poolside, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and it is clear we need to do more to ensure sports are safe for all.

**Topics include:**

- From paperwork to practice: ensuring your safeguarding policies are properly used and adopted
- Medals and Mental Health
- Positions of trust, patterns of grooming
- Recognising 'risk' areas for all – volunteers, danger spots, one-to-one coaching

Cost: **£185 members** • **£370 non-members**

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June **24**, 2021

SESSION <b>1</b>	09:30 – 10:30	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aileen Kane, Director, Sacpa</li> </ul> <b>Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Grevenberg CBE, Chief Innovation and Partnerships Officer, The Centre for Sports and Human Rights</li> </ul>
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SESSION <b>2</b>	11:00 – 11:45	<b>From paperwork to practice: ensuring your safeguarding policies are properly used and adopted</b> <p><i>A safeguarding policy is the first formal commitment to keeping children, young people, and adults at risk safe. Whilst a fundamental consideration, bespoke for each organisation, your safeguarding policy should be more than just a piece of paper. Our panel will share their best practice recommendations on championing practice alongside policy in their areas.</i></p> <p>Chair: Mark Bramah, Managing Director, Corporate Safeguarding and Executive Committee member, Sacpa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dayne Matthieu, Head of Safeguarding and Welfare, Tottenham Hotspur FC</li> <li>Alyson Evans, Head of Wellbeing and Protection, The Scottish FA</li> <li>Val Wright, sportscotland approved trainer</li> <li>Gemma Woodhouse, Partner, Penningtons Manches Cooper</li> </ul>
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SESSION <b>3</b>	12:00 – 12:45	<b>Medals and Mental Health</b> <p><i>Whether grassroots or high performace athletes, striving for your best can apply additional pressure, or disappointment if you fall short. Coaches, volunteers, referees, parents and supporters have to find the balance between creating an environment for individuals to fulfil their potential without compromising their mental wellbeing.</i></p> <p>Chair: Dale Wilkins, Director of Safeguarding, Sacpa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanna Coates, Chief Executive, UK Athletics</li> <li>Nicola Dean, Safeguarding Adults in Sports Manager, Ann Craft Trust</li> <li>Alex Maxwell, Director of Health &amp; Wellbeing, Meliora Group</li> </ul>
	12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>

SESSION <b>4</b>	13:45 – 14:45	<b>Positions of trust, patterns of grooming</b> <p><i>Independent safeguarding consultant, Marcus Erooga, will present findings and evidence from his extensive research into where positions of trust have been taken advantage of, and share patterns observed in grooming. Marcus' experience and understanding will help delegates educate their wider communities in the importance of recruiting appropriately for positions of trust.</i></p> <p>Chair: Aileen Kane, Director, Sacpa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marcus Erooga, Independent Safeguarding Consultant</li> </ul>
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SESSION <b>5</b>	15:00 – 16:00	<b>Recognising 'risk' areas for all – volunteers, danger spots, one-to-one coaching</b> <p><i>It is our responsibility to safeguard individuals and recognise the risk areas within our organisations. Across the sporting sector, there are common settings or situations that can pose a safeguarding risk. Our panel of experts will share their experience in identifying, and rationalising these risks, building them into your genuine safeguarding policies, for the safety of all involved.</i></p> <p>Chair: Dale Wilkins, Director of Safeguarding, Sacpa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Stephenson, Child Protection in Sports Unit, NSPCC</li> <li>Vicky Wilson, Senior Associate, Wilsons Solicitors LLP</li> <li>A representative from UK Coaching</li> </ul>
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